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Continuation of 3 NOTE: Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the disease being diagnosed using the carboxy terminal epitopes of SEQ ID NO. 2 within hepcidin is a disease selected from "chronic renal insufficiency, renal anemia and hereditary hemochromatosis", which are new limitations, thereby, raising new issues which require further consideration at least under the provisions of 35 U.S.C 102 or 103, because search and examination of these new limitations have not been performed nor evaluated as to extent of their patentable nature in relation to prior art including those not of record.

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